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Transportation Update

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State Considers How to Align Transportation Projects with Available Revenue

At its February 27th meeting, the California Transportation Commission discussed ways to match available revenue with transportation projects seeking State funding. A recent survey of project sponsors shows a need for about \$1.2 billion statewide for the remainder of 2002-03 and \$1.6 billion for 2003-04 through the State Transportation Improvement Program. In addition, about \$1.5 billion has been committed to projects in the Governor's Traffic Congestion Relief Program. These commitments exceed the anticipated funding from sources available to the State. Caltrans is projecting a shortfall in the State Highway Account this fiscal year of between \$100-\$400 million growing to between \$500 million -\$1.3 billion by fiscal year 2004-05. The CTC is therefore faced with developing criteria for allocating available funds to the most pressing projects.

The CTC has stated its priority lies with construction projects that can commence immediately in order to stimulate the economy. A focus on construction only may lead to limited construction activity in future years as funds are diverted from engineering in the next year or two. The CTC will hold a special meeting on March 12th to establish a priority setting process.

CMA Evaluates Projects Funded by the State

Considering the problems with State funding, the CMA has begun the process of determining the readiness of the Alameda County projects and has established initial guidelines for prioritizing projects. The initial priorities will likely

focus on the projects seeking funding in the remaining months of 2002-03 -- the present through June 2003. Readiness is the key factor. Priorities for 2003-04 will be set as a better understanding of the upcoming State budget begins to take shape.

CMA Considers Options for its Long Range Plan

At its annual workshop/retreat on February 8th, the CMA discussed possible solutions for the county's ten most congested corridors. This dialog also included a discussion of how the CMA apportions funding in its long-range transportation plan and how the current approach impacts solutions in congested corridors. The Board has agreed to revisit its approach to funding and has established a task force to consider options and make a recommendation. The task force is expected to begin meeting in April.

CMA Begins Process of Updating Congestion Management Program

The CMA has begun the process of updating the CMP. The draft CMP is expected to be available for public review and comment in July 2003. A final document is schedule for September. The 2003 update will focus on the following:

- Changes to recognize new legislation
- Critieria for designating roadways subject to the CMP
- Amendments to the travel demand management element
- Incorporation of SMART growth concepts in the land use analysis program
- Revisions to the Capital Improvement Program
- Treatment of CMP roadway segments exempt from deficiency plans

An approach to updating the CMA's travel demand model

Mobility Monitor Available

The 2003 Mobility Monitor has been completed. This year's report features:

- A summary of the condition of the transportation system in Alameda County – freeways, roads, transit and bicycle facilities
- An analysis of why congestion grew from 2000 to 2002 in the East Bay when the economy was weakening
- A review of the CMA's ongoing study of I-880 through Oakland – the oldest segment of freeway in the county
- A status report on improvements in the I-680 Sunol Grade corridor

The report will be available for distribution in mid March. Please contact the CMA offices for a copy.

Legislation

ACA 7 (Dutra) – This Constitutional amendment would authorize a county or a regional transportation agency to impose an additional 1/2% sales and use tax exclusively for transportation purposes, if the additional tax is approved by 55% of the voters. This amendment to the State Constitution must be approved at a statewide election. The CMA supports this bill.

Deadlines to Note

Final Funding Program

Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA):

Program Manager Funds
Approximately \$1.3 million is available in the 2003-04 program.

Draft Funding Program March 2003

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – Delivery Deadlines

State law includes delivery deadlines for projects in the STIP. All projects programmed in fiscal year 2002-2003 must receive an allocation by the CTC by June 30, 2003 or the project sponsor will lose the funding.

Sponsors with projects not able to meet this deadline or with projects included in later years that will not be able to meet the original schedule should contact the CMA staff immediately.

Upcoming Meetings

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March	4	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	10	CMA Administration &
		Legislation Committee
	10	CMA Plans & Programs
		Committee
	10	I-880 Steering Committee
	12	CTC (Special Meeting)
	13	San Pablo Avenue Policy
		Advisory Committee
	17	Altamont Commuter
		Express (ACE) Board
	27	CMA Board Meeting
April	1	CMA Technical Advisory
	0/0	Committee
	2/3 14	CTC (Sacramento)
	14	CMA Administration &
	14	Legislation Committee
	14	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	14	I-680 Policy Advisory
	14	Committee
	21	Altamont Commuter
	21	Express (ACE) Board
	24	CMA Board Meeting
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	20	Committee
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